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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : Li Xing and Robert C. Glen  
TITLE : Method For Accurately Estimating Pk<sub>a</sub> Of  
Molecules Using Atom Type Definitions And  
Partial Least Squares  
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TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE and SUBMISSION OF RCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of the claims in this application. Prior to submitting the issue fee, Applicants have reviewed the allowed claims and believe that additional claims are merited in this application. Accordingly, instead of paying the issue fee, Applicants have timely filed this RCE along with additional claims to be considered by the Examiner. Please amend the application to include the claims presented on the attached pages.

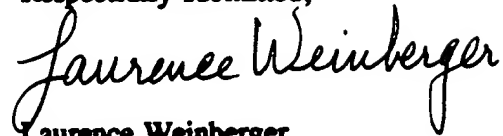
In accordance with the new rules governing the format of amendments, Applicants are submitting the claims on separate pages in conjunction with the previously filed and allowed

claims. All new claims are indicated with the notation "(new)" as required.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner to allow the claims and pass the application to issue.

April 22, 2003

Respectfully submitted,



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